(b) what is the book value of this stock during these years;

(c) whether this value has been taken while computing profit/loss figure of Coal India Limited; and

(d) what is the actual realisable value of the stock and what is the process of evaluating the realisable stock?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The pithead coal stocks of Coal India Limited as on 31.3.92, 31.3.93 and 31 3.94 are given below:

(million tonnes)

As on	Coal stocks
31.3.92	.. 47.64
31.3.93	..50.10
31.3.94 (Provisional)	.. 49 69

(b) to (d) The value of coal stocks in Coal India Limited for the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 was as under:

Value of Coal Stocks.

(Rs. in crores)

As on	Value
31.3.92	Rs. 1404.69
31.3.93	Rs. 1660.64

The value of Coal stocks as on 31-3-94 will be known after the audit for financial year 1993-94 is completed. The value of stocks has been taken into account while computing Profit/Loss figure of Coal India Limited in the respective years.

According to information furnished by Coal India Limited the coal stocks at year end are valued at, net realisable value based on the actual realisation on the despatch of coal during the last quarter of the year; or at selling price of declared grade; whichever is lower. Further a provision of 1.5 per cent of value of production during the year is made towards deterioration in quoity.

Top level posts lying vacant in Coal India Limited

779. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JAICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) how many top level posts are lying vacant under the Coal India Limited;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps Government have taken to ensure that these posts are filled; and

(d) whether some posts are being abolished and if so; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) In the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited two posts of Chairman-cum-Managing Director three posts of Director (Technical) and two posts of Director (Finance) are presently lying vacant.

(b) and (c) The Board level posts are filled as per the prescribed procedure and appropriate actions to fill up the vacancies have been taken.

(d) No; Sir. At present there is no proposal for abolition of any Board level post.

Rationalisation of coal linkage

780. SHRI M A. BABY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representations from the Central Electricity Authority and/or the Council of Power Utilities and/or the State Electricity Boards (SEBs) for rationalisation for coal linkage;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to deal with these representations;

(c) whether joint sampling of coal for power stations now being carried out in terms of specifications of the Bureau of Indian Standards;

(d) if so, whether he or any Senior Officials of the Coal Ministry actually visited the power stations to ascertain the fact as to which of the claims and counter claims made by the Coal India Limited and the SEBs are true; and

(e) if so; what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) In the beginning of each year; Central Electricity Authority (CEA) under the Ministry of Power assess the total coal requirements of all power stations according to their generation targets . In accordance with these requirements; quarterly allotments are being made by Standing Linkage Committee (Short Term) for Power set up by Ministry of Coal. The quarterly meetings of the Committee are being attended by representatives of CEA; Power Houses, Railways and Ministries of Coal and Power. Any requests for rationalisation/modifications of propsed linkages are considered and accommodated to the extent possible taking into consideration the various constraints such as availability of coal; transport bottlenecks etc.

(c) to (e) Sampling of coal for power stations is being done at the loading and before despatch. Coal India Limited (CIL) has already written to the Power Houses to participate in the sampling arrangements at the loading end. Joint sampling is carried out in accordance with the guidelines/specifications inforce with such modifications as may be agreed betiween the parties to joint sampling.

Coal Controller's Organisation which is a subordinate office of Ministry of Coal has been entrusted with the responsibility of monitoring quality of coal. Coal Controller has been provided with additional staff to carry out this responsibility.

Decontrol of various grades of Coal

781. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the various grades of Coal decontrolled in the country;

(b) the reasons for the decontrol;

(c) the outcome and impact after the decontrol;

(d) whether any study has been made in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINITTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Presently allotments of all grades of coal is controlled under the provisions of Colliery Control Order. However, in case some collieries have coal stocks which are in excess of demand. Such excess quantities are allowed to be sold under Liberalished Sale Scheme after inviting offer from intending purchasers.

(d) and (e) Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices (BICP) who have undertaken a study of coal industry have in their interim recommendations; suggested price decontrol for all coking coals and higher grades of non-coking coals.